

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 29-54 are pending. Claims 29-49 and 52-54 stand allowed. Applicant appreciates the examiner's indication of allowed claims. Claims 50 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 50 and 51 in view of the following.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that examiner provide an initialed copy of the IDS filed on May 6, 2004.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 50 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly being indefinite. In particular, the examiner contends that the phrase "the body adapted..." is unclear because it is not clear whether in claim 50, it is the body of the first or second component being referenced. While applicant believes that standard grammatical interpretation leads to the conclusion that "the body adapted..." refers to the second component, applicant has amended claim 50 to provide additional clarity. As such, applicant respectfully submits that claim 50 (and thus claim 51, which depends from claim 50) is allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 50 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

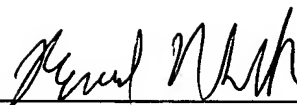
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Raymond N. Scott Jr. at (215) 564-8951, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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